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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 11. A marked-up copy of this claim is attached.

11. (Amended) An optical apparatus for vacuum ultraviolet lithography, comprising the optical element as set for in claim 8.

Please add new claims 14 and 15 as follows:

14. (New) An optical apparatus for vacuum ultraviolet lithography, comprising the optical element as set for in claim 7.